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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter addressed to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the CSCE member States by His Excellency Mr. Hikmet Çetin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, relating to the recent internal developments in Azerbaijan.

I would be grateful if this letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 21 June 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey addressed to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the CSCE member States

As CSCE participating States, we have committed our countries to condemn unreservedly forces which seek to take power from a representative government of a participating State against the will of the people as expressed in free and fair elections and contrary to the justly established constitutional order.

We have also solemnly declared that we will support vigorously, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, in case of overthrow or attempted overthrow of a legitimately elected government of a participating State by undemocratic means, the legitimate organs of that State upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law recognizing their common commitment to countering any attempt to curb these basic values.

The events unfolding in the Republic of Azerbaijan compels us to act in accordance with these CSCE commitments assumed by the Moscow Document 1991. A mutiny by some elements of the Azeri army seeks to overthrow the freely elected President of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ebulfeyz Elcibey. President Elcibey had to leave the capital to avoid civil war and bloodshed but he has emphasized that he remains the head of the legitimate Government of Azerbaijan and will not resign under the threat of force.

Democratic gains in Azerbaijan will be reversed if the freely elected President of the Republic is overthrown by unconstitutional means. All CSCE participating States, individually and collectively, should, in accordance with CSCE commitments, condemn the unconstitutional attempt to take power in Azerbaijan and support the legitimately elected President Elcibey.

I look forward to cooperating with you on this issue.

(Signed) Hikmet ÇETIN
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Turkey